THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) According to information received from the National Crime Records Bureau, the cases of rape and crime against children during the last three years were as under :—

Year	Rape Cases	Crime against Children
1997	15330	5980
1998	15151	5882
1999	14347	1683

A proposal to amend section 376 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape is udner consideration.

Atrocity in Police Station

4009. SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in the Hindu dated 9th March, 2000, that brutalities are being perpetrated in police stations and the lawless behaviour of those who are duty bound to maintain law and order and uphold the rule of law;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has also expressed concern in this regard; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking/have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Human Rights Commission has been expressing its concern in regard to cases of police brutality.

(c) 'Police' is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. However, the Union Government has been issuing guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to the effect that their police personnel should conduct themselves in a humane manner and that cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly. Human rights, as a subject, has been included in the training curricula of police personnel. Induction

and In-senice training programmes also include special inputs to sensitize police personnel about the use of scientific methods for investigation.

ULFA's attack on Ministers

4010. SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 8th March, 2000 stating that ULFA insurgents have stepped up their activities in Assam.

(b) if so, whether their attacks are generally made on Ministers;

(c) whether in the wake of their stepped up activities, Assam Ministers ha\e been asked to stop their movements at night: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to curb such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

Arms and Ammunition seized from Terrorists

4011, PROF. M.S. SANKARALINGAM ; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any extraordinary measures in the wake of Kargil war to stop infiltrations from crossing of border; and

(b) the details of arms and ammunition seized from terrorists during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VTDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) With a view to deal with the cross border activities the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional framework of Operations Groups